

OPINION 1585

Ascalabotes gigas Bocage, 1875 (currently *Tarentola gigas*; Reptilia, Squamata): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *borneensis* Gray, 1845, as published in the binomen *Tarentola borneensis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *gigas* Bocage, 1875, as published in the binomen *Ascalabotes gigas*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *borneensis* Gray, 1845, as published in the binomen *Tarentola borneensis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2621

An application for the conservation of *Ascalabotes gigas* Bocage, 1875, the name of a gecko from the Cape Verde Islands, was received from Dr H.H. Schleich (c/o Zoologische Staatssammlung, München, Fed. Rep. Germany) on 30 July 1987. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 45: 41–42 (March 1988). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 45: 41. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No vote was returned by Martins de Souza.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

borneensis, *Tarentola*, Gray, 1845, *Catalogue of the specimens of lizards in the collection of the British Museum*, p. 165.

gigas, *Ascalabotes*, Bocage, 1875, *Jornal de Sciencias Mathematicas, Physicas e Naturaes*, 5: 108.